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COLUMBIA ATHLETIC CLUB,

815 15TH STREET,

September 28, 1889.

DEAR SIR :

A special meeting of the Club will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8.30 P. M., for the election of a President, to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors, to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution, which you will find herewith, and other business.

The Annual Fall Field and Track Handicap meeting will take place on Analostan Island, Saturday, Oct. 5, at 3 P. M. Admission to the Island will be by card only, for which a charge of twenty-five (25) cents will be made, to include ferriage. Competitors will be supplied with tickets for themselves. Suitable prizes will be awarded the winners. It is desired that the members will interest themselves in this meeting, so that it may be the most successful the Club has held. The entries close with the Secretary Oct. 2, and are open to Club members only. A fee of 50c. must accompany each entry. The *Handicaps* will be posted on the Club bulletin. It is hoped the prizes will be presented at the special meeting of the Club, when the prizes won in the Tennis tournament will also be given to the winners.

The following are the events and the order in which they will be contested :

1. Running Broad Jump.
2. 1-Mile Walk.
3. Novice Bicycle Race—1 mile.
4. Putting 16-lb. Shot.
5. Throwing Hammer.
6. 100-Yards Run—Trial. 2d men to run for place in final.
7. Running High Jump.
8. 1-Mile Run.
9. 100-Yards Run—Final.

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10. Bicycle Lap Race—2 miles.
11. Pole Vault.
12. 220-Yards Run.
13. Bicycle Race—1 mile.
14. 120-Yards Hurdle.
15. 440-Yards Run.
16. 2-Mile Steeple Chase.

Very respectfully,

HOWARD PERRY,
Secretary.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

The Articles to be amended are printed in full, and then follow the Articles as they will read, with the proposed amendments italicized.

ARTICLE III.

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SEC. 10. Applications for active membership shall be in writing, recommended by two active members, and accom-

panied by the initiation fee hereinafter provided for and dues for one month, and shall contain a promise that, if elected, the applicant will support the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Club.

SEC. 10. *Each application for active or visiting membership shall be in writing, recommended by two active members, and shall be accompanied by the initiation fee for the respective grade; the application for visiting membership shall also be accompanied by the amount of dues for the remainder of the half year. All applications shall contain a promise that, if elected, the applicant will support the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Club.*

SEC. 12. If, upon ballot for active membership, two (2) black balls appear, the applicant shall be declared rejected, and a second application from him shall not be entertained until after the expiration of six (6) months from the date of his rejection, and no change in the result of any ballot on the election of a member shall be permitted after the result is announced.

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SEC. 16. An active member, not indebted to the Club, intending to leave the District of Columbia for an absence of six months or more, may, upon written application to the Board of Governors, be placed upon the non-resident list, without dues during such absence; but upon his return to

the District of Columbia he shall notify the Board of Governors (through the Secretary) of such return, and his dues will commence from the first of the month of his return. Failure to give due notice of return will be sufficient cause for suspension, and continued neglect to pay dues cause for dismissal.

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(New Section.)

SEC. 17. *Any person not a resident of the District of Columbia may be elected a visiting member, and shall, during his temporary visits to the said District, have all the privileges of active membership, except the right to vote or hold office. Any visiting member may, by a majority vote of the Board of Governors, be transferred to the list of active membership upon paying the difference between the initiation fee of the two grades at the time of such transfer; and any active member may, by like vote, be transferred to the visiting list. Such transfers to be made upon the written request of the person desiring the same. In case of a re-transfer of a visiting member who has been an active member, no additional initiation fee shall be required.*

(NOTE.—Number present section 17 as 18.)

ARTICLE IV.

(New Section.)

SEC. 3. *The initiation fee for visiting membership shall be ten dollars, and the yearly dues ten dollars (\$10), payable semi-annually in advance.*

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 2. At the end of each month the Financial Secretary shall notify each member indebted to the Club, other than for monthly dues, of the amount of such indebtedness, and if the same is not paid within ten days after such notification the member so in arrears shall be debarred from further credit, and his name and the amount due shall be posted on the Club bulletin; and if he fails to pay said indebtedness within twenty days after posting, his case shall be referred to the Board of Governors for such action as it may deem proper, subject to the provisions of Sec. 7, Art. XI.

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ARTICLE VII.

Officers.

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SEC. 2. The annual election of officers and members of the Board of Governors shall be held at the regular meeting in January of each year, except the first election, which shall take place April 6, 1887; the officers elected at that meeting to serve until the annual meeting in January, 1888.

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The Board of Governors, at least two weeks before the date of the election, shall elect a committee of three members of the Club, who shall not be officers of the Club or members of the Board of Governors, to be designated "The Committee on Elections." The duties of said committee shall be to receive from any member of the Club nominations for the various offices and for membership in the Board of Governors, which nominations shall be in writing, and shall be seconded by another member of the Club besides the nominator, and the nominations shall close at midnight of the Wednesday preceding the election, and no ballots cast for any one not so nominated shall be counted. The said nominations shall be posted by the said Committee on Elections immediately upon the receipt of the same, and shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place in the Club House until the close of the election.

The Committee on Elections, after the closing of the nominations, shall cause to be printed different ballots for each office to be voted for, such ballots to contain the names of all the candidates for such office, with directions distinctly printed thereon; that the voter shall erase all the names except the one or ones to be voted for, and that an informal ballot shall be considered blank; and shall also provide a

different ballot-box for each officer to be elected; the Board of Governors, in every instance, to be considered one office, and one ballot to be cast containing the names of all the members to be voted for. After the closing of the nominations, and before the day of the election, the Board of Governors shall elect from the members of the Club seven "Inspectors of Election," who shall not be either officers, members of the Board of Governors, or candidates for any office. Said Inspectors, or a majority of them, shall be present during the whole time of balloting, and shall at the close of the polls count the ballots cast for the different candidates and immediately report the result to the annual meeting of the Club. The polls shall be opened at noon on the day of election and shall be kept open until eight P. M., at which time they shall close.

The Secretary shall furnish to the Inspectors of Elections a complete list of all the members of the Club entitled to vote, upon which list shall be checked off the name of each member as he votes, and no member whose indebtedness to the Club to the 31st December is not paid shall be entitled to vote. The Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the election, notify each member of the Club of the election and of the time of closing the nominations, and shall also, in said notice, request that nominations for the various offices, properly seconded, be deposited in the "Committee Box" in the Club House before the said time of closing.

A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election, and in calculating the number of ballots cast a blank shall be counted as a vote, and improper or irregular ballots shall be considered as blanks.

Should the report of the Inspectors show that there had not been a majority cast for any one or more offices to be filled, then the failure to elect shall be considered as creating a vacancy, to be filled as provided in the next section. All officers shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are elected.

SEC. 3. All officers shall be elected by ballot, separately, and must receive a majority of all the ballots cast, blank ballots being counted, and they shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are duly elected.

SEC. 3. *Any vacancy occurring in any of the offices of the Club, or in the Board of Governors, shall be filled as follows:*

The Board of Governors shall elect a Committee on Elections and Inspectors of Elections as provided in the foregoing section, whose duties shall be performed as in the case of an annual election. The Secretary shall give notice as provided in said section, and in all things the election shall be conducted as in the annual election, but instead of reporting to a general meeting of the Club, the Inspectors shall report the result to the Board of Governors, who shall cause the same to be posted in the Club House.

NOTE.—Section 4 strike out.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. The government and management of the Club shall be confided to a committee of sixteen (16) of its members, known as the Board of Governors, of which a majority shall form a quorum; and a majority of the Board of Governors shall vote in the affirmative to adopt any proposition. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be members of the Board of Governors.

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ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 2. To appoint, semi-annually, the following committees: (a) A sub-committee of three (3) to be called the House

Committee, whose duty it shall be, subject to the direction and control of the Board of Governors, to direct and manage the housekeeping affairs of the Club House, and to make proper purchases for that purpose, and to receive and act upon complaints and suggestions of members, reporting monthly to the Board of Governors. (b) An Auditing Committee of three (3), the approval of which shall be necessary before the payment of any bill.

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ARTICLE XIII.

Meetings of the Club.

SECTION 1. The first meeting of the Club shall be held on April 6, 1887, and thereafter an annual meeting on the first Wednesday of January in each year, for the election of officers, the Board of Governors, reception of annual reports, and such other business as may be brought before it: *Provided*, That when the first Wednesday of January falls on a legal holiday the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding Wednesday.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Club on the second Wednesday of January in each year, for the election of officers, the Board of Governors, reception of annual reports, and such other business as may be brought before it: Provided, That when the *second* Wednesday of January falls on

COLUMBIA ATHLETIC CLUB.

December 30, 1889.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Governors submits the following proposed amendments to the Constitution for consideration at the annual meeting, January 8, 1890:

ARTICLE V.

INDEBTEDNESS, PENALTIES, ETC.

SECTION 1. Any member failing to pay his dues on or before the end of the quarter for which they are due, shall be notified by the Financial Secretary, and, if not paid within ten days thereafter, the members so in arrears shall be suspended; and if the same are not paid within one month after the end of the quarter, the member so failing to pay shall cease to be a member of the Club, subject to Sec. 6, Art. XI.

SEC. 2. At the end of each month the Financial Secretary shall notify each member indebted to the Club, other than for monthly dues, of the amount of such indebtedness, and if the same is not paid within ten days after such notification, the member so in arrears shall be debared from further credit, and his name and the amount due shall be posted on the Club bulletin; and if he fails to pay said indebtedness within twenty days after posting, he shall stand suspended from all privileges of the Club until his indebtedness is paid.

Amend as follows:

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Amend as follows:

SECTION 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Athletics, Captain, First Lieutenant, and Second Lieutenant, to be elected annually by the Club.

In Section 2: Strike out the words "the Committee on Elections" wherever they occur, and insert the words "the Committee on Nominations."

In Section 3: Strike out in line 14 the word "dues" and insert the word *indebtedness*.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 4. The Financial Secretary shall keep a debit and credit account with each member, receive all moneys due from members, and pay the same to the Treasurer, taking a receipt therefor. He shall present to the Treasurer on the first of each month a list of all members who are in arrears under Sec. 1, Art. V, which list shall state the amount due and the purpose for which due. He shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting of all moneys received by him during the year, which report shall be examined and passed upon by the Auditing Committee. He shall be a salaried and bonded officer and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Governors.

Amend as follows:

SEC. 4. The Clerk of the Club shall keep a debit and credit account with each member, receive all moneys due from members, and pay the same to the Treasurer, taking a receipt therefor. He shall present to the Treasurer on the first of each month a list of all members who are in

arrears under Sec. 1, Art. V, which list shall state the amount due and the purpose for which due. He shall be salaried and bonded, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Governors.

In Section 5, line 2, strike out the words Financial Secretary and insert the word *Clerk*.

ARTICLE XI.

POWERS OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors shall be empowered to elect annually, from its own body or from the other members of the Club, a Financial Secretary, who shall hold office until the annual meeting in January, or until his successor is elected, and who may be removed at any time by the Board of Governors.

Amend as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors shall be empowered to appoint a clerk and such other employees as may be necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of the Club, and to remove them at pleasure.

In Section 2, line 2, strike out the word and figure three (3) and insert the word and figure five (5).

ARTICLE XII.

In Section 1, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "first" and insert *second*.

ARTICLE XIII.

In Section 2, line 1, strike out the words and figures thirty-three (33) and insert the words and figures fifty (50).

SEC. 5. A special meeting of the Club shall be called whenever the Board of Governors may deem one necessary, or whenever twenty-five (25) active members of the Club shall make to the President a written request for the same, and specify the object of the meeting; and no other business than that specified in the notice shall be transacted at that meeting.

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SEC. 5. A special meeting of the Club shall be called whenever the Board of Governors may deem one necessary, or whenever twenty-five (25) active members of the Club shall make to the President a written request for the same. In every call for a special meeting the object thereof shall be specified, and no other business than that specified in the notice shall be transacted at that meeting.

ARTICLE XIV.

In Section 3, line 1, strike out the words "Financial Secretary" and insert the words *Clerk of the Club*.

The following proposed amendment is submitted without any recommendation by the Board of Governors:

ARTICLE IV.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. To defray the expenses of the Club, there shall be for active membership an initiation fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), and monthly dues of two (\$2) dollars from April, 1887, to the first of the month in which the Athletic Club House is turned over to the Club, and after the latter date monthly dues of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50). The dues shall be paid quarterly in advance. In payment of the initiation fee, a second "mortgaged bond or receipt of Club representing the same assigned to the Club to be cancelled, may be accepted in lieu of cash."

Amend as follows:

SECTION 1. On and after February 1, 1890, the admission fee for active membership shall be fifty dollars (\$50), and the monthly dues two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50). The dues shall be paid quarterly in advance. In payment of the admission fee, second mortgage bonds may be accepted in lieu of cash.

In Section 3, line 1, strike out the word "initiation" and insert the word *admission*.

Very respectfully,

HOWARD PERRY,
Secretary.

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SEC. 6. Notices of each annual meeting of the Club shall be mailed to each member one week before the date of the meeting, and notices of each adjourned or special meeting shall be mailed at least five days before the meeting.

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ARTICLE XVI.

The Club ensign shall be that heretofore used by the Columbia Boat Club.

The Club ensign shall be a white burgee with a red C and a winged arrow in blue and red through "C" emblazoned on it.

ARTICLE XVII.

SECTION 1. None but members and guests, or visitors introduced by members, shall be admitted to the Club. A member may at any time introduce a stranger, and shall thereupon register his name, residence, and date of introduction in a book to be kept for that purpose, to which said member shall affix his own name. Such introduction shall not confer on such stranger the right of entrance at any other time; but the Board of Governors may, at its discretion, give to such stranger a written invitation entitling him to the privileges of the Club for ten days, which may be renewed by any member of the House Committee; but no resident of the District of Columbia can be introduced more than once in six months. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to the



Boat House, to the Athletic Grounds, nor to candidates for membership during the pendency of applications.

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